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Fight! Fight! Fight! This Gravedigger sandwich from Heat G is the kind of all-in robot bashing we like to see. And with not one, not two but THREE blistering heat reports in this issue, it should whet your appetite for a feast of robot destruction. Enjoy!

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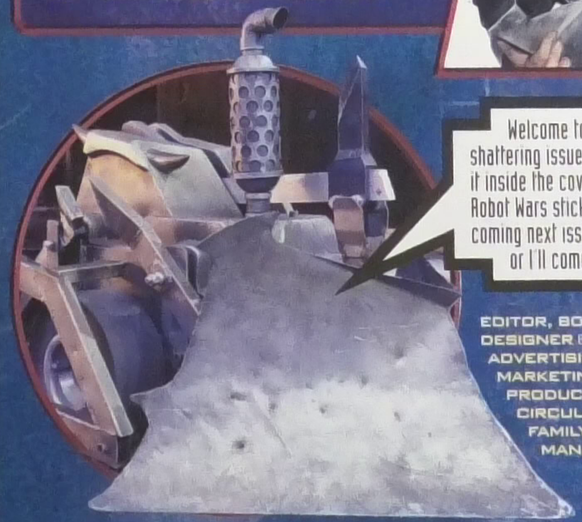

Welcome to another metal mashing, tyre torching, wheel warping, fender bending, shell shattering issue of Robot Wars Magazine! It's so stuffed full of robot-trashing action, we can barely keep it inside the covers. Now I know some of you are going to be writing in asking what happened to the free Robot Wars sticker book and stickers we said we were going to give you this issue. Don't worry – they're coming next issue, and in the meantime we've given you a load of cool robot tattoos. So stop complaining or I'll come round to your house and chop the front door down. See ya! SHUNT

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Flipping lobsters, flaming pigs and noisy hedgehogs – this heat is like an explosion at the robot zoo!

HEAT G

TRANSMISSION DATE
10/11/00

HOGS OF WAR

"Wedgehog makes it across the road – without getting squashed!"
CRAIG CHARLES

CONTESTANT ROBOTS

THERMIDOR

KRONIC THE WEDGEHOG

GRAVEDIGGER

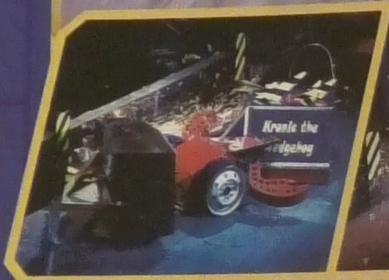
DARKE DESTROYER 2

WAR HOG

DREADNAUT XP1

ELIMINATOR 1

Thermidor, Kronic the Wedgehog and Gravedigger. Gravedigger's powerful weapon isn't working, and gets mashed by the other robots. The number 13 seed is out!



ELIMINATOR 2

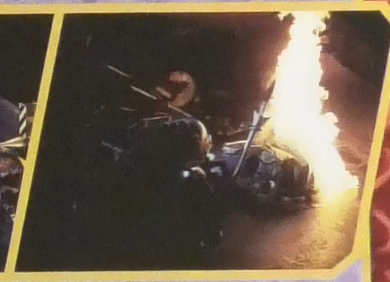
Darke Destroyer 2, War Hog and Dreadnaut XP1. They bounce off each other like dodgem cars – but War Hog gets cooked. "Can you smell the barbecued pork?" yells Jonathon Pearce.

KRONIC THE WEDGEHOG VS DARKE DESTROYER 2

These two robots make more noise than a bag of spanners falling down the stairs. Kronic flips DD into Shunt's CPZ. Kronic is still buzzing about, long after DD has been dumped in the pit.

THERMIDOR VS DREADNAUT XP1

Thermidor cheekily slaps Dreadnaut about the face with its claws. Then it gives it one small flip, and then one mighty big one. Dreadnaut is upside down and well and truly out.



SUMO BASHO

Behemoth goes straight into a scoop-to-scoop stalemate with Shunt and matches X-Terminator 2 by lasting a full 60 seconds in the Sumo Basho ring. But Panic Attack actually manages to lure Shunt into driving off the edge of the ring – and in doing so takes the lead. Go, Panic!

PINBALL

A speedy and determined round by Bigger Brother. It beats Matilda and Sgt Bash to light two of the three tyres, but its progress is slowed by the bowling bowls all over the arena. A wicked 180 points takes BB into second place!

HEAT FINAL

THERMIDOR VS KRONIC

Thermidor flips off Kronic's face, pinches its behind and flings it right up into the air. The house robots close in as Thermidor edges Kronic closer to the pit. "Wedgehog is heading for hibernation in the pit," says Jonathan Pearce. No-one guessed how well the little lobster was going to do, but Thermidor goes through to the semis!

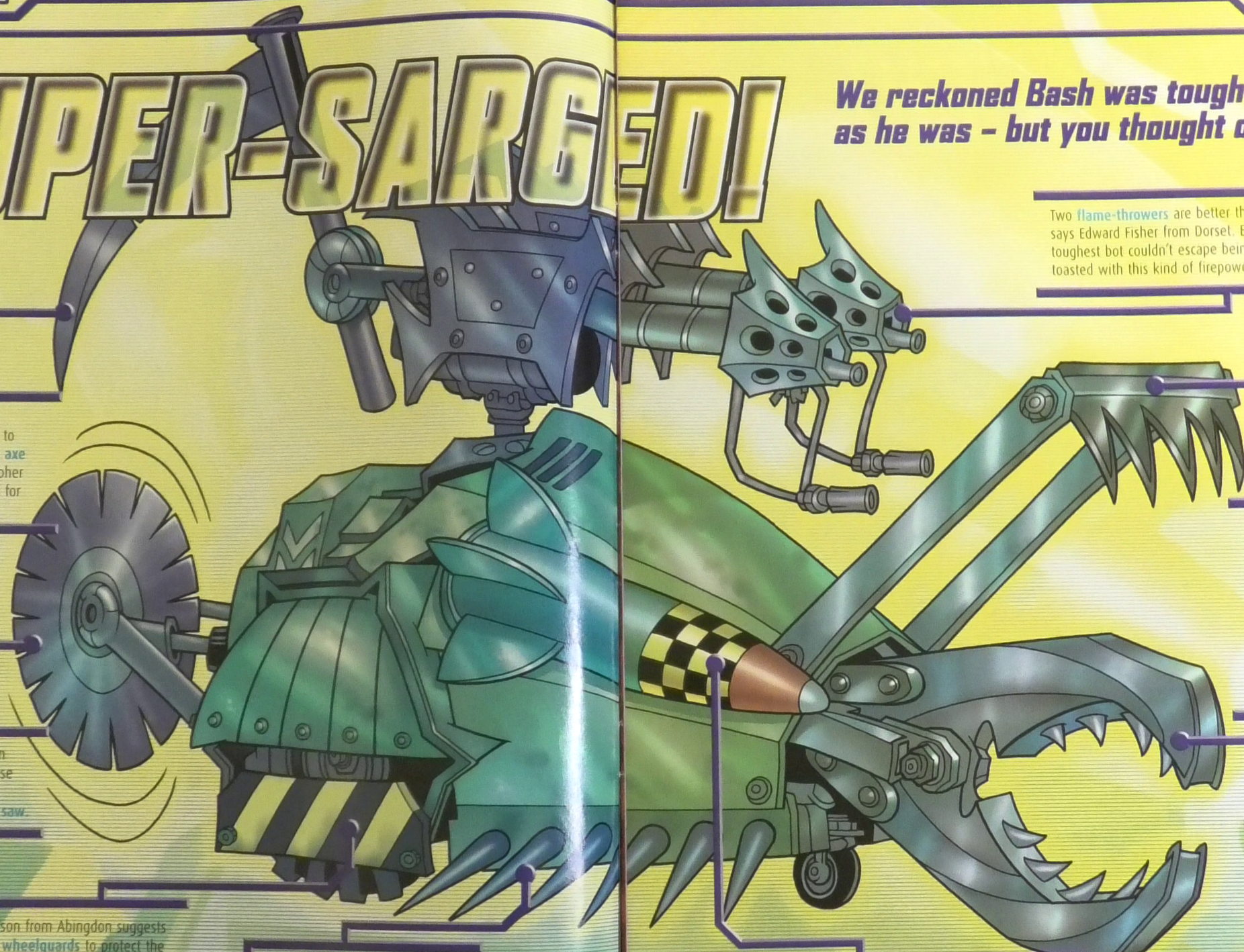
CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

"Beware competitors who've got glass jaws, We don't pull our punches on Robot Wars!"

SUPERBOTS

SUPER-SARGED!

We reckoned Bash was tough enough as he was – but you thought differently!



Two **flame-throwers** are better than one, says Edward Fisher from Dorset. Even the toughest bot couldn't escape being toasted with this kind of firepower!

If the saw doesn't rip the Sarge's opponents to shreds, then this huge **axe** will. Thanks to Christopher Loakim from Gwynedd for this wicked idea.

Lauren Parrott from Watford suggests a front-mounted **smasher/gripper**. Working on the same principal as an axe, the gripper slams down on an unsuspecting robot, snagging it with its razor-sharp teeth. That should stop it trying to wriggle away while Bash gives it a torching!

Ben Allen from Hampton reckons Bash would cause more damage with an enlarged **hydraulic rear saw**.

David Milner from Hull thinks that Sergeant Bash should have some seriously heavy duty **hydraulic front pincers** – with teeth, no less!

Emma Davidson from Abingdon suggests proper steel **wheelguards** to protect the Sarge from sideways tyre attacks.

Tom Adams from Nottingham is also keen to beef up Bash's sidelong protection with these **diamond-tipped spikes**.

What happens if the flamethrowers get knocked out? No problem at all if Ben Safrany gets his way with these **side rocket blasters**. Surely no one else would dare get in the arena, though!

Have you got any ideas for changes you would make to the robots? Send them in to us!

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FANTASY FIGHT

SPAWN VS AGGROBOT

...IF HE CAN.

WHY SAW ONE ROBOT INTO PIECES WHEN YOU CAN SAW TWO!

GRZZZZZZZZ!

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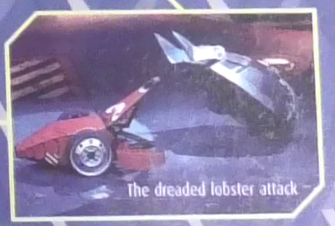
DREAD HARD!

DREADNAUT XP-1

Team Members Ken Feltwell (Captain), Dave Vowles, Faye Vowles
From Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Shell Fibreglass – beautifully moulded but well known for being very easily chipped
Weapons electric-powered, solid steel lifting forks
Weight 77.6kg
Clearance 1cm
Dimensions 45 x 115 x 90cm
Power 2 x wheelchair motors
Speed "It's faster in reverse," says Ken Feltwell
Notes XP-1 stands for Xperimental Prototype 1. A 'dreadnought' is a type of battleship – turn to page 5 to see Dreadnaut XP-1 get sunk!
Factoid Team Dreadnaut have appeared in every series of Robot Wars so far!


The dreaded lobster attack

MAVERICK

Team Members Francis Gallagher (Captain), Brett Skinner, Kevin Gallagher
From Southampton
Dimensions 40 x 88 x 74cm
Weight 79.8kg
Clearance 6cm
Power 2 x wheelchair motors
Weapons Pneumatic front flipper, powered by a soda stream bottle and a truck actuator (starter motor)
Notes Series IV was Maverick's first war
Factoid Team Captain Francis is only 10 years old!

CENTURION

Team Members Ray Tait (Captain), Matthew Tait, Jeff Bradford
Weight 78.2kg
Dimensions 1cm
Clearance 50 x 110 x 80cm
Weapons Pneumatic axe and front lifter
Wheels 2 x wet go-cart wheels
Factoid Centurian went out to 101 in the Third Wars

Axlebots, flippers, sledgehammers and a big hunk of cheddar – don't let it be said this heat was normal!

HEAT H

TRANSMISSION DATE
17/11/00

WELL HARD CHEESE

"Take on the house robots? Yeah, right!"
JONATHAN PEARCE

CONTESTANT ROBOTS

WHEELOSAURUS

WHEELY BIG CHEESE

PRIZEPHITA 2

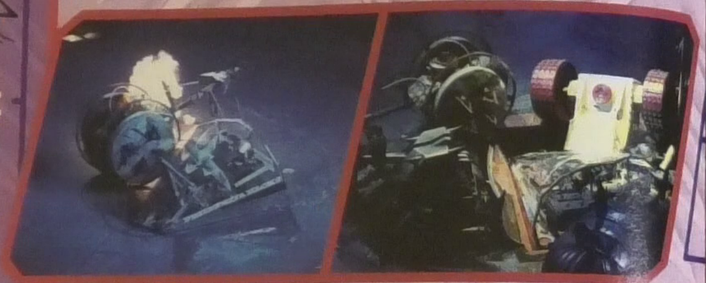
MAVERICK

KILLERTRON

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

ELIMINATOR 1

Wheelosaurus, Wheely Big Cheese and Prizephita 2. Talk about chaos – in a stunning ending to this battle, all three robots go into the pit! Prizephita 2 goes out on a judges' decision.



ELIMINATOR 2

Maverick, Killertron and Suicidal Tendencies. It's a really sticky battle as all three robots get stuck into each other. Suicidal Tendencies flips Maverick. Shunt does maximum damage.

SUMO BASHO

Bigger Brother only manage a disappointing 6.43 seconds in the Sumo Basho ring with Shunt, while Thermidor 2, fresh from their success in Heat G do even worse with 5.03 seconds. So Panic Attack are the Series IV Sumo Basho champions! Nice one, Panic. Sumo-sumo-sumo!

CHEESE VS KILLERTRON

Killertron punishes the arena floor with its axe until the Wheely one gets cheesed off and flips it. The house robots move in and dish out robot justice to the flipping useless Killertron.

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES VS WHEELOSAURUS

Wheelosaurus should really be called 'Wheely-rubbish' and shoved in a wheely-bin. "Suicidal Tendencies suddenly found the will to live," joked Craig after Wheelosaurus went up in flames.

PINBALL

SMIDSY fires itself over the ramp and then has a go at getting the pinball in the pit. SMIDSY are out to thrill the crowd rather than simply score points with the judges. So it's a high octane performance but a with a disappointingly low score of 70.

HEAT FINAL

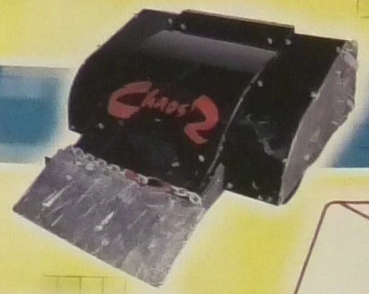
SUICIDAL TENDENCIES VS BIG CHEESE

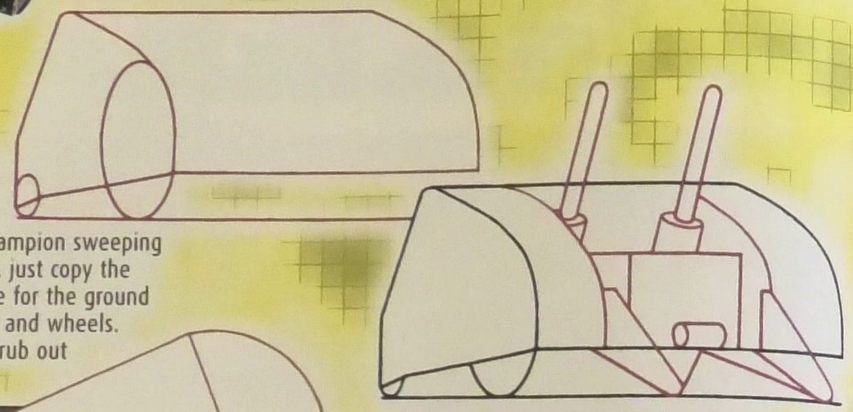
Understanding that the Big Cheese's giant flipper has the power to lob them out of the arena, ST steer clear. But Wheely Big Cheese fails to fire its flipper throughout the battle. It eventually drives into the pit but, making a controversial decision, the judges still give it to the Cheese since one of Suicidal's tracks is immobilised. Boooo!

CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

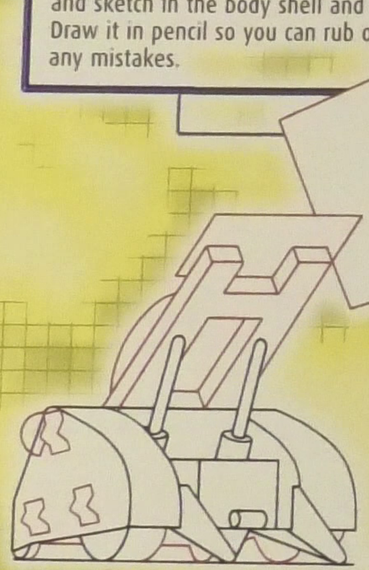
"If there's one thing that your television licence ensures, It's robot mayhem on Robot Wars!"

CHAOS 2



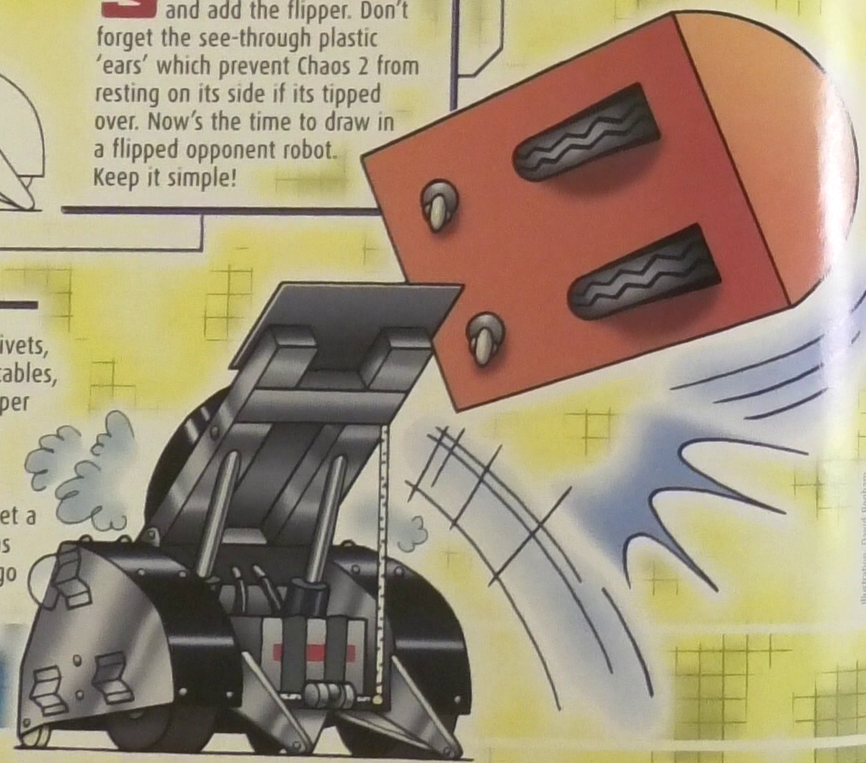


1 When Chaos 2 is on the attack, even the house robots watch their backs! To draw the Series III Grand Champion sweeping aside yet another contender, just copy the following stages. Draw a line for the ground and sketch in the body shell and wheels. Draw it in pencil so you can rub out any mistakes.



2 Add the insides of the robot – the pneumatic pistons, the battery and the 'W'-shaped projection which supports the end of the flipper.

3 Now complete the wheels and add the flipper. Don't forget the see-through plastic 'ears' which prevent Chaos 2 from resting on its side if its tipped over. Now's the time to draw in a flipped opponent robot. Keep it simple!



4 Add the final details – rivets, battery straps, interior cables, elastic bungee cord (so the flipper snaps back) and wheels on the flipped bot. Add a few motion lines and an explosive burst to heighten the impact. Don't forget a few puffs of hissing CO2, the gas that powers the flipper. Lastly, go over it all with a black pen, rub out the earlier pencil lines, and colour it in.

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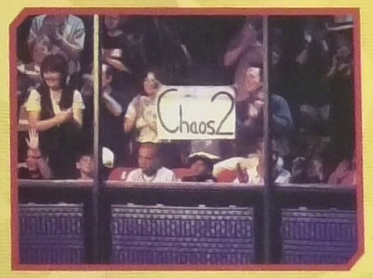
ROBO-FANS WANTED

Are you Robot Wars' biggest fan? If so, the RW Website wants to hear from you. The BBC is planning a ROBOT WARS NIGHT this year, with everything from the history of robot combat to replays of some of the greatest battles of all time. It will also be featuring the stories of people whose lives have been taken over by Robot Wars, and that is where you come in. If you have a story to tell, then visit the chat forum at www.robotwars.co.uk and look under the Robot Wars Night posting in Official Announcements. Then send them an email, telling them all about yourself, you robo-nutcake!

MORE WARS ON THE HORIZON!



In the future, there will be no cookery programmes like 'Chef in the Nude', or house make-over programmes like 'Change Your Rubbish Room So It Looks Even Worse', just Robot Wars, 24 hours a day. It's starting to happen already – BBC satellite/cable channel **UK HORIZONS** is currently showing repeats of RW Series 4 until the end of January, and in March will show the rest of the series. Early birds can catch the show at 7am, and again at 6pm.

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The fur was really flying when Pussycat got its claws into Diotoir in the Celebrity RW final!

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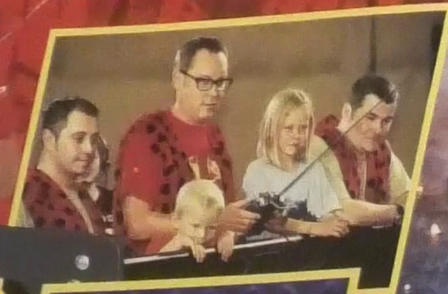
PETS WIN PRIZES



Vic Reeces practises with the furry fella under the guidance of the Diotoir boys

Adam Woodyatt forgets his problems in Albert Square as he operates Pussycat

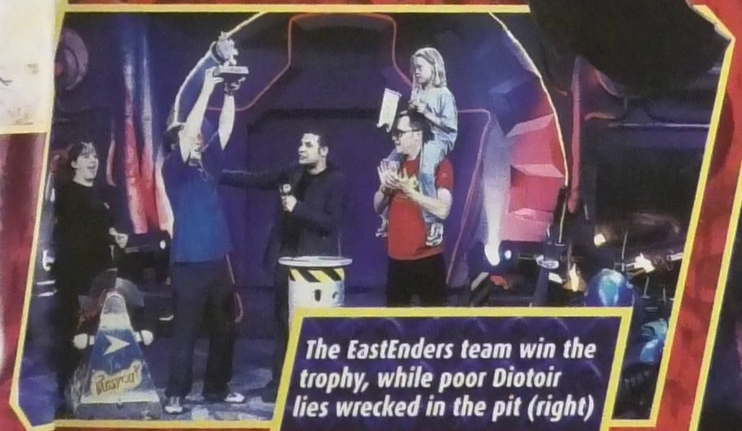
DIOTOIR

SPECIFICATIONS

WEIGHT: 80kg
DIMENSIONS: 80 x 80 x 40cm
CLEARANCE: 2cm
WEAPONS: Spring loaded lifting arm
TEAM: Peter Redmond and Cairon Byrne with comedian Vic Reeves and his daughter Alice.
ADDITIONS: Specs and frying pan
OPINION: Flying iron pancakes that the "Shooting Stars" host Reeves was hoping to fire from the frying pan didn't turn up so Diotoir starts out with a disadvantage.

Diotoir does its usual trick of catching fire after Pussycat shoves it over the flames

Diotoir gets mangled, but not before its fur manages to jam up Pussycat's saw

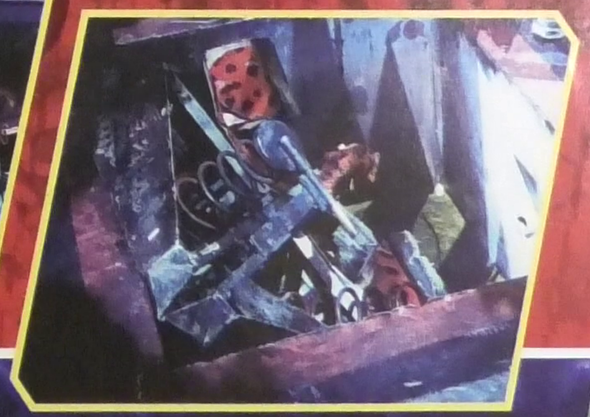


The EastEnders team win the trophy, while poor Diotoir lies wrecked in the pit (right)

PUSSYCAT

SPECIFICATIONS

WEIGHT: 81.6kg
DIMENSIONS: 95 x 56 x 73cm
POWER: 2 x 750w motors
WEAPONS: Diamond edged saw
TEAM: Robin Herrick, David Gribble and Robert Brittington with EastEnders star Adam Woodyatt (joined by Natalie Cassidy, who plays Sonia).
SPECIAL ADDITION: An EastEnders-style map.
OPINION: "It's a combination of flying an aircraft and driving a tractor," says Adam, "if that makes any sense." Er... Not really, mate!



HOW TO KILL SHUNT

Only Chaos 2 has managed to flip house robot Shunt, so it's about time someone else gave the tin terror a shove... and here's how!

FLIPPIN' FANTASTIC! The legendary moment when the flipping king Chaos 2 made Shunt turn cartwheels in the Series 3 final!

LIFTING SCOOP Get a scoop with minimum ground clearance and see if you can match Behemoth and X-Terminator's performances in the Sumo Basho. Still, you'll need a lot of power behind your scoop if you want to stand a chance against Shunt!

WHEELS The guards leave a lot of tyre exposed so get a spike and get stuck in!

GROUND CLEARANCE One weakness of Shunt's is its vulnerability to attacks from flippers. After Chaos 2 showed it could be done, there are bound to be a few other powerful flippers out there who are dying to have a go on this house robot.

SHUNT GETS SHUNTED Shunt's operator Malcolm James said putting holes in Panic Attack was his favourite moment of Series 3. Panic Attack got his revenge by shoving Shunt off the podium during the Sumo Basho.

BODY SHELL By the end of Series 3, Shunt's shell was so bashed and battered that it was about to fall to pieces. Although it was rebuilt for the Fourth Wars, by the end of a series the shell is sure to come apart after a few whacks.

SHOVEL If you want to avoid the axe, this is the best angle from which to take on Shunt. Get in there and get shoving!

HEAT I

TRANSMISSION DATE
24/11/00

SMASH 'N' GRAB!

"In the great gladiatorial Robot Wars coliseum, the thumbs go down for the Roman Centurion!"
JONATHAN PEARCE

CONTESTANT ROBOTS

KILLERHURTZ

DISTRUCT-A-BUBBLE

ERIC

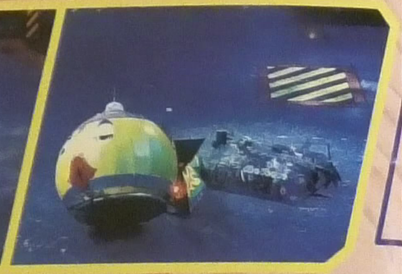
CENTURION

SPLINTER

SMALL TORQUE

ELIMINATOR 1

Killerhurtz, Distruct-A-Bubble and Eric. Eric tries to flip Distruct-A-Bubble. Killerhurtz looks fast, Eric looks strong, Distruct-A-Bubble looks like being eliminated – which it is.



ELIMINATOR 2

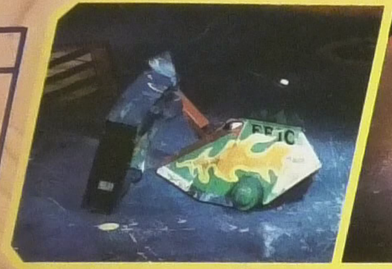
Centurion, Splinter and Small Torque. Splinter pushes Small Torque into Shunt. "Shunt's axe penetrates the so-called bullet-proof shell," shouts JP. But it is Centurion that goes out.

KILLERHURTZ VS SPLINTER

Splinter really has the upper hand – or, rather, grabbing claw – throughout this battle. A smack from Shunt's axe leaves Killerhurtz smoking – but still up and running – at the end.

SMALL TORQUE VS ERIC

Although it has a new cooling system, Small Torque is flipped like a burger, immobilised and on fire! Shoved up against the arena grinder by the house robots, Small Torque is finished!



FACTOID

Distruct-A-Bubble were going to be called Millennium Doom but they changed their mind at the last minute!

FACTOID

If you watch the beginning of the first eliminator closely, you can see a butterfly landing on Eric. We doubt it lasted long in the arena flames...

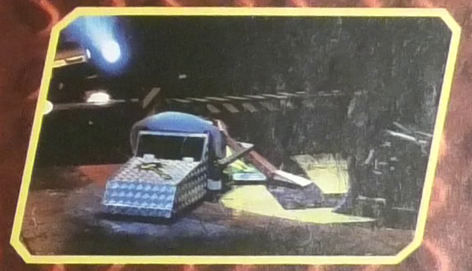
PINBALL

Some exciting driving by King B3 – veterans of the Second and Third Wars. They manage to defeat all the house robots and illuminate all of the tyres. A tidy score of 225 puts them in second place behind Spawn's massive score of 245.

HEAT FINAL

SPLINTER VS ERIC

At the beginning of this battle, both robots skirt around each other cautiously. It's bad news for Eric as Splinter pushes it into Shunt's CPZ. Despite tasting Shunt's axe, Eric is able to drive away! It's a very close call that goes to a judges' decision. Splinter is the more aggressive robot and goes through to the semi finals.



Fancy yourself as a bit of a poet? Have a go at writing a sign-off rhyme for Craig and we'll print any that make us laugh!

CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

"Your Dad might hit the ceiling when he hears the football scores, He'll do himself a mischief watching Robot Wars!"

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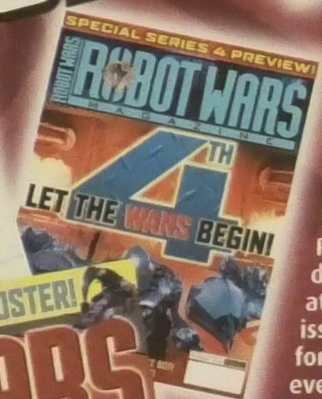

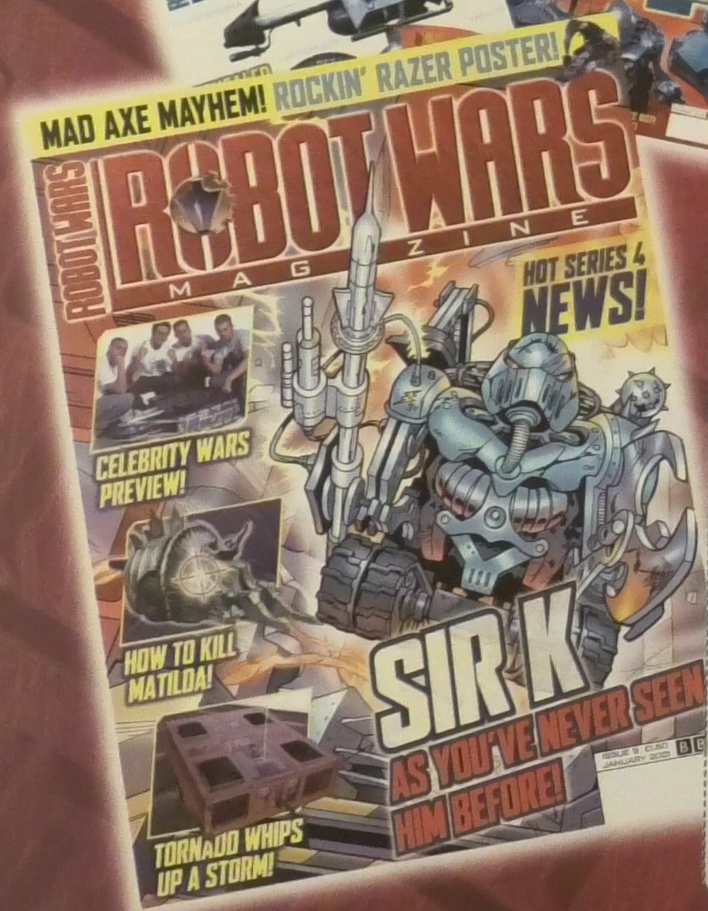

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Judging by their resolutions the house robots are in for a really smashing year!

NEW YEAR'S BASH!

MATILDA
This year, I promise not to get flipped by those naughty contestant robots. Why do they always pick on me, anyway?

SGT BASH
This year I resolve to always eat my greens, and to keep my room tidy... Not! I'm gonna burn everything in sight to cinders in 2001!

DEAD METAL
This winter I am going to use my saw to cut up some logs for firewood. After that, I'm gonna trash some robots - yeah!

SIR K
I resolve to keep smashing, mashing, spinning, trashing, crunching, shoving and killing robots. That's it.

SHUNT
When it snows this winter, I'll only use my plough for good purposes - like shoving the contestants into the pit!

REFBOT
Oooh, I'm all in a tizzy - my resolution is to keep peace and harmony among my fellow robots - and by the looks of it I'm going to have my work cut out!

LETTERS

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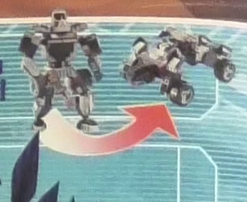
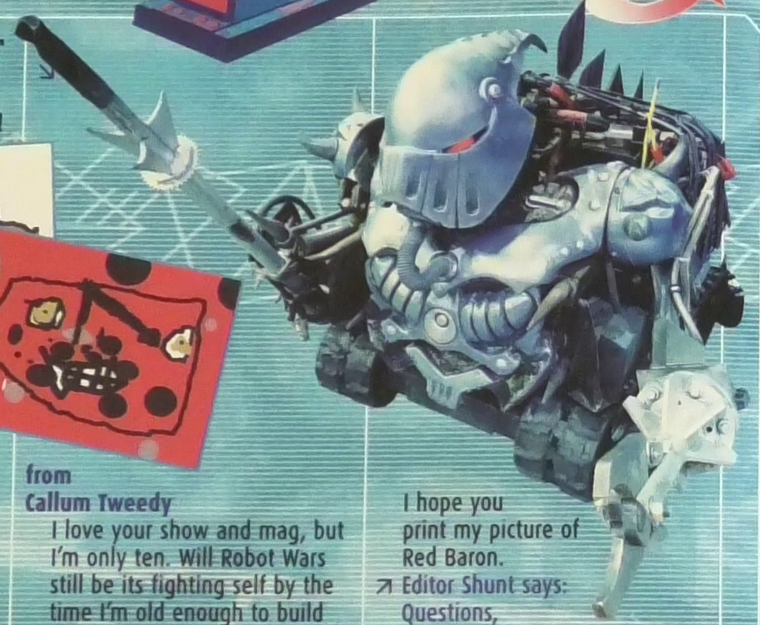
↘ Every letter we print receives a Thunderbirds ↗ clock from Wesco (www.wesco.ltd.uk), or a cool Mega Bloks Blok Bot!



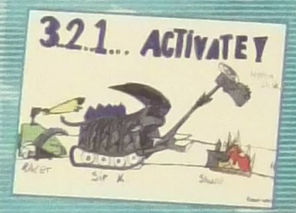
Eight-year-old Joshua Dower sent us these wicked computer generated images of Razer and Diotoir. Rockin'!



↘ **from Claire Kennedy**

Hi, I am nuts about Robot Wars. Sir K is my favourite but why is it, at the end of a battle, Killalot never spins round in circles like the other house robots? I hope you like my picture. Sir K is frying Hypno-disc on the flames.

↗ Editor Shunt says: Sir K may be big, he may be tough – but he gets dizzy very easily. That's why he doesn't spin round much – and that's why he'd love to get his claw into Hypno-disc (nice picture, by the way).



from Callum Tweedy

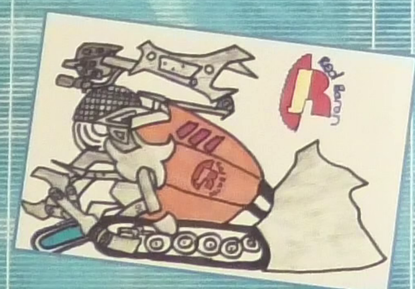
I love your show and mag, but I'm only ten. Will Robot Wars still be its fighting self by the time I'm old enough to build my own galvanised gladiator? And if so, Killalot watch out – YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED!

↗ Editor Shunt says: Of course we'll still be around when you're old enough to build a robot! I have no plans for retiring and becoming a snow shovel – Robot Wars will live forever! But if you think your robot will stand a chance against Sir K – well, good luck to you!

↘ **from Christian Butterworth**

In the new arena, why aren't there any hanging maces or spikes beneath the floor? In issue eight there is a new house robot called Red Baron – will it actually be seen in the Wars? I hope you print my picture of Red Baron.

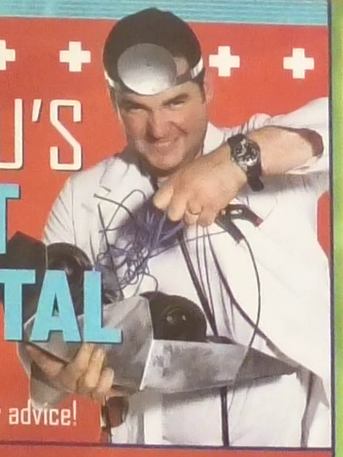
↗ Editor Shunt says: Questions, questions! Firstly, there are no more arena spikes and maces because we'd rather do the damage to the contestant robot ourselves! The Red Baron won't be appearing in the Wars – the arena wouldn't be big enough for him AND Sgt Bash. Here's Christian's pic!



Four-year-old Cedric Ross has transformed his remote control car into something more exciting – a robot called Pusher-Basher. He hopes he'll get some real Robot Wars toys for his birthday in February. Good luck Cedric!

Loads of you said you liked the made-up 'Ultimate Robots' we published in the last issue. Now it's your turn. Send in your ideas for cool, mad bots!

DR ZULU'S ROBOT HOSPITAL



Got a robot problem? Ask Diotoir's Dr Zulu for advice!

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
What type of animal is the fur on your robot from?
From Tjinder Gulzar
>Zulu says: The fur comes from a very rare synthetic animal only found deep in the forests of Ireland. We get it from the little weaver people who live in the woods. Or else we just buy it in the Dublin Woollen Mills.

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
Do you think attaching a furry toy to your robot will get the audience on your side and/or protect you from the house robots?
From Kathleen Trimble
>Zulu says: Definitely not! Have you seen the audience lately? They are not the kinds of people that go all gooey over soft cuddly toys – they want to see 'em burn! You can take it from me, burning fur only lights up your robot making it an easier target – and boy does it smell bad!

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
How can I make my robot Smogtor environmentally friendly?
From Henderson Choudhry
>Zulu says: A good start would be to change its name to Greenbot. Then re-build it out of recycled toilet roll tubes.

>>Dear Doctor Zulu,
I love Robot Wars and for ages now I've been trying to find a top roboteer who could give advice on building a robot. Can you think of anyone who might be able to help?
From Jacob Sunderland
>Zulu says: Well, you cheeky, little...! One piece of advice I will give you is: if you do build a robot, don't turn up at Robot Wars 'cause I'll be looking out for you!

That's it for now. Keep those problems coming in to RWM's e-mail or mail addresses. Trust me – I'm a doctor, after all!

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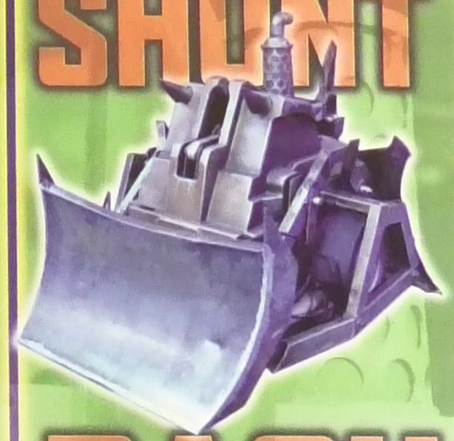

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Remember this mad battle from Heat H? Wheely Big Cheese took on Sir Killalot and ended up in the pit, Prizephita 2 was shoved in by Matilda and Shunt did the same to Wheelosaurus. Looks like three-nil to the house robots!